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Congressman Dent requests full funding of Community Services Block Grant program for 2007

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) sent a letter to President Bush urging the Administration to support continued investment in the Community Services Block Grant program. One-hundred and forty Members of Congress from both parties signed the letter, which was sent Thursday morning.

Congressman Dent, Rep. Rob Simmons (R-CT), Rep. Brian Baird (D-WA), and Rep. Phil English (R-PA) authored the letter, which requests funding of at least \$630.4 million for CSBG in 2007. The funding would be consistent with the final CSBG allotment for 2006.

“CSBG provides invaluable assistance to low-income families and communities,” Congressman Dent said. The funds are administered by 1,100 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) in 99 percent of the nation’s counties. These agencies leverage over \$9 billion in other federal, state, local and private resources to develop and provide a coordinated array of services to combat poverty.

“Each CSBG dollar leverages nearly \$5 in non-federal funds,” Congressman Dent noted. “That’s a sound public investment.”

In most of the 15th District, the funds are administered by the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (for Lehigh and Northampton counties) or the Montgomery County Community Action Development Commission.

“In my district, CSBG funds are used efficiently to help families and individuals achieve self-sufficiency and to build stable and healthy communities,” Congressman Dent said. “I thank these agencies for the job they do.”

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